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## **RESPONSE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 21, 2002.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Abstract:

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